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 SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany  
 TOPIC KVP Unit in Prenzlau

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C  
 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1C  
 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 3 July 1953  
 REFERENCES  
 PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)  
 REMARKS

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1. On 5 May 1953, the KVP unit in Prenzlau had a ration strength of 4,038 at the post and 8,559, including 1,000 of the C-Kommando, 2,700 of an A-Kommando, 1,500 of the B-Kommando, 300 of the S-4 (AT) and 400 of the S-5 (AA), at Droegeheide summer camp. On 15 May, Prenzlau was occupied as follows:

Unit headquarters	91 officers,	72 NCOs and EM
Soviet adviser	70 "	10 drivers
Kommando school	13 "	180 NCOs and EM
Commander's company	8 "	55 " "
Chemical unit	1 "	22 " "
Motor vehicle supply	8 "	65 " "
Motor vehicle repair	7 "	63 " "
Hospital	-	92 " "
Guard detail	3 "	50 NCOs "
Detainees	-	24 " "
Medical course	-	11 " "
Muenter headquarters	53 "	168 " "
SP	7 "	25 " "
S-1	7 "	87 " "
S-2	7 "	50 " "

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S-3	4 officers, 95 NCOs and EM
S-6	5 " 52 " "
D-1 battalion	88 " 397 " "
Headquarters B-Kommando	6 " 27 " "
I B-Bn	47 " 599 " "
II B-Bn	49 " 579 " "
III B-Bn	50 " 561 " "
Attached	7 " 55 " "
Recruits	- 10 " " 1

2. The C-Kommando and the S-5 Unit moved into new barracks buildings 2 km north of Droegeheide summer camp during the period under review. Other large building projects located nearby were scheduled to quarter all units transferred to the Droegeheide summer camp.
3. All heavy weapons of the division including tanks, field guns and AA guns were zeroed in at Jaegerbrueck about 8 km north of Droegeheide during the period of observations. Field practices and tactical training were performed at the summer camp. Realistic exercises at company level had problems such as the company at attack, defense and close combat. Night marches involving light infantry weapons, including mortars and machine guns, were frequently conducted. Carbine firing practice with live ammunition was performed in the training area and at the firing range close to the Prenzlau barracks installations.<sup>2</sup>
4. On 14 April, a firing practice involving all special sections No 5 of Heeresgruppe Nord was held north of Prenzlau near the shore of the Baltic Sea. The units fired at a sleeve target which was towed by a Soviet aircraft.<sup>3</sup>
5. Dienststelle Prenzlau had 105 Horch trucks, 42 Phaenomen trucks, 1 ZIS tank car, 2 ZIS repair shop trucks, 1 Horch truck, converted into a field printing office, 42 BMW sedans, 2 DKW-F-8 sedans, 5 Mercedes sedans, 6 ambulances, and 18 motorcycles. Major General Hermann Rentsch was seen riding sedan No VP 00-24-69 and General Heinz Hoffmann was seen in sedan VP 00-00-05.

25X1A 1. Comment. The information on strengths of the Division Prenzlau is incomplete as it fails to indicate the 1st Inf Regt and the motorcycle rifle battalion of the division stationed in Pinnow. If these are added, the total strength approximates 16,000. This figure checks with previous reports. See [REDACTED]

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25X1A 2. Comment. The state of training attended by the troops comes up to the requirements. Practices are scheduled to be held at battalion level in June and at regimental level in August.

25X1A 3. Comment. Firing with live ammunition of AA units was probably conducted in the Altwarp area. See [REDACTED]

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